

Publication Board Developments

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Latest Developments

- CERN indico adopted as publication review tool and archive
- Publication Board page has been updated
 - New review procedure (including adaptation to indico)
 - Draft of dispute resolution policy now included
- New Pub Board member needed

Indico Review and Archiving

- Located at <https://indico.cern.ch/categoryDisplay.py?categId=3348>
- Must log in with your CERN account/password
- Organized according to conference or to individual journal publication
- Under each conference or journal publication are two sub-categories set up as indico meetings
 - Review – authors place drafts here
 - For collaboration comment – collaboration members enter comments with “Minutes” function

Updated Review Procedure

- Based on Steering Board request, review procedure has been updated
 - See Publication Policy page
http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/collaboration/pub_policy.shtml#posting
- Main change is:
 - New papers/talks to be placed in Review area where only authors, reviewers and pub board have access
 - After reviewers have made their recommendation, Review and Collaboration Comment areas will be opened to full collaboration
 - Papers will never be available to public on indico

Dispute Resolution Policy

- Based on request at last year's collaboration meeting, a stub of a new dispute resolution policy was added
 - See Publication Policy page
http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/collaboration/pub_policy.shtml#dispute
- Main idea is:
 - If authors disagree with reviewers, they may appeal to pub board
 - After discussion pub board will make a decision or appoint a fresh review panel and repeat the review
 - If authors disagree with Pub board, they may appeal to the Steering Board whose decision is final

Publication Board Members

- Sebastien Incerti, John Apostolakis, Dennis Wright
- Sebastien's term has expired – new member must be appointed (to 3 year term)
- John's term expires in August 2012
- Dennis' term expires in August 2013

Potential Problems

- Reviewers in certain areas have a heavier burden when it comes to conference proceedings
 - For example: EM, hadronic
 - In spreading the load, some papers may not have any expert reviewers
- Publication board terms (3 years) may be too long
 - Potential new members may be scared away
- Although the adoption of indico has reduced the workload on the pub board, in the future we depend on the authors to post their papers, and reviewers to post their comments, rather than depend on e-mail to the pub board